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Dear Friends:

The recent fires in our city and region reminded us all again of how vulnerable our communities are to wildfires and how we must all stay vigilant during these upcoming summer months to protect ourselves and our properties from possible damage.

As Chair of San Diego's Public Safety and Livable Neighborhoods Committee, I am proud of the heroic efforts our fire fighters displayed throughout this recent episode and commend them on their selfless acts. As a city we must be proactive in supporting our fire fighters and other emergency medical service providers. As your representative, I will be advocating for additional funds in the upcoming budget.



On Tuesday, May 20th, I had the honor of proclaiming it "Emergency Medical Services Week" in the City of San Diego and presented a resolution to Fire Chief Mainar and other emergency responders who were in attendance. I was honored to have acknowledged and paid tribute to the sacrifices and dedication these men and women provide on a day to day basis.

Thank you for taking the time to read my newsletter and for your involvement in our community. If you have any questions or need any additional information regarding any city-related issues, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

- Marti

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Breaking Ground on the Charles Lewis III Memorial Park

On May 16th, I was joined by Mayor Faulconer, City Councilmember Myrtle Cole, and other community leaders for a groundbreaking ceremony at the Charles Lewis III Memorial Park Project site at 4750 Home Avenue. This project will provide a recreation area for members of the community of all ages and will include \$4.1 million in park amenities, improvements on Home Avenue, and enhancements to the Auburn Creek Channel and parts of the Chollas Creek Watershed.

The Charles Lewis III Memorial Park has been long-awaited by the community and will provide much needed open space for children and families. Neighbors have been actively working to see the opening of this park for years, and this neighborhood jewel will no doubt honor the memory of the late Charles Lewis III for decades to come.



Delivering Resources

City Heights will have a new, safe and well maintained city park to use -and this is very exciting news! After over a decade of community advocacy, the future of Wightman Park is looking brighter than ever.



On Tuesday, May 20th, Councilmember Emerald along with Mayor Faulconer and representatives from city staff, the police department, and the community gathered at the site to announce that \$1 million will be allocated in the 2015 budget for the design and construction of Wightman Park. When completed, Wightman Park will feature a large grassy area, two basketball half courts, a scooter and tricycle trail, play equipment, barbeques, a lighted walkway, and large native trees for shade.

Public Safety

During a roundtable discussion held at Lisa Bruber's driveway between SDPD officers and members of the College Area Neighborhood Watch group eight months ago, the idea of bringing police bikes to improve community enforcement was introduced.

Councilmember Emerald stated her strong support from the beginning and, through her staff, presented this idea to the College Area Community Council the following month. The College Area Community Council was also in full support and donated money for the bikes, as did the Alvarado Estates Homeowners Association and the College View Estates Association.



Councilmember Emerald made up the difference and supported the process to purchase the bikes which were individually custom built by a small manufacturer who specializes in building police bikes. The community held a celebration and unveiling on May 29, 2014 at the same place where the idea originated: in Lisa Gruber's driveway.

Councilmember Emerald believes that this is a great example of what can happen when community members, community leaders, city staff, city police, and SDSU police all pull together and work in the same direction.



May Events

Saturday, June 7—Cycle Southcrest: A collaborative effort to introduce the Southcrest and Shelltown Neighborhood to the Chollas Creek to Bayshore Bikeway Trail Project. The event will be held from 9am—1 pm at 4149 Newton Ave.

Sunday, June 8—One Sweet Ride: MTS and SANDAG will be hosting a community celebration from 10 am—1 pm at the University Transit Plaza to introduce Rapid!

Wednesday, June 11—College View Estates Community Clean Up

Wednesday, June 18—Public Safety And Livable Neighborhoods Committee Meeting: featuring report from SPDPD on summer patrol operations.

Wednesday, June 18—Mt. Hope Community Coffee with Councilmember Emerald: You are invited to join Marti for a cup of coffee to discuss neighborhood issues.

Saturday, June 21—College View Estates Block Party

Marti and the Community



Councilmember Emerald welcomed Mayor Faulconer to District Nine at a recent Community Forum where the Mayor and Councilmember Emerald addressed various community concerns.



Councilmember Emerald proclaimed May 14 to be "Latino Youth Council Day" in the City of San Diego to honor the organization's 10th Anniversary.



Councilmember Emerald paid tribute to military veterans both living and deceased with San Diego's veteran community at Mt. Soledad's Memorial Day Ceremony.



Councilmember Emerald celebrated Memorial Day by walking in this year's Memorial Day Parade in Kensington. Pictured above is Councilmember Emerald with neighborhood kids at the parade's staging area.

INTERNSHIPS

San Diego City Councilmember Emerald's office is currently accepting applications from motivated high school and college students looking to gain experience interning for an elected official.

Interested applicants should e-mail Julio Rivera a cover letter, résumé and at least one letter of recommendation to jcrivera@sandiego.gov. Please feel free to call (619) 236-6725 with any questions.